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In re Patent Application of:
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For: Connective Tissue Growth Factor-2

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of a claim of the subject application, Attorney for Applicants hereby directs the Examiner's attention to references A-AG listed on the attached Form SB/08.

Applicants submit herewith copies of references A and AG. Copies of references B-AF were submitted by Applicants or cited by the Examiner in connection with United States Patent Application No. 09/348,815, filed on July 8, 1999, to which the instant application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the Examiner is directed to the file of United States Patent Application No. 09/348,815 for copies of references B-AF.

Applicants note that SEQ ID NO:1 and the corresponding cDNA clone of this application are related to SEQ ID Nos: 499, 18683, 18698, 23836, and 42256 in copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/912,292. A legible copy of that portion of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/912,292 which caused it to be listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08 is submitted here as reference A.

The listed references are presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(a) concerning the Examiner's duty to consider and use any such information. Applicants respectfully request

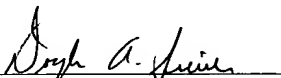
that the Examiner make the listed references of record in the file history of the application, and consider the information contained therein during the prosecution of this application.

Identification of the listed references is not to be construed an admission of any individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Furthermore, Applicants do not waive any rights to take appropriate action to establish patentability over any of the listed documents should they be applied as references against the claims of the subject application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed due. However, should the Patent Office determine otherwise, please charge the required fee to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

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